



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: **A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSMITTING  
DATA IN A LINEAR-TYPE OR RING-TYPE NETWORK**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and authorization to charge the requisite fee being enclosed.

In response to the final Office Action dated October 25, 2004, please amend the subject application as follows:

Any fee due with this paper may be  
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By Patricia Muir  
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